नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(घ) इंडियन एयरलाइंस विशेष चिकित्सा के लिए अपने कर्मचारियों को सरकारी अस्पतालों में भेजती है।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Extension of AIR Strip at Nanded

4166. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 41 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th November, 1992 and state whether Government have any plan to extend the air strip of Nanded in Maharashtra and to start Patna-Amritsar-Nanded flight in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): National Airport Authority has no plans to extend the airstrip at Nanded which belongs to the State Government of Maharashtra.

At present, there are no plans to introduce services on Patna-Amritsar-Nanded route.

Profit earned of Loss incurred by Air India

4167 SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what was the profit earned by Air India in the year 1991-92 and how it compares with the budget estimate presented to Parliament;

(b) what is the debt servicing requirement of Air India on the loans raised by it for purchase of aircraft; and

(c) what is the estimated profit earned or loss likely to be incurred this year?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The details are given below:

(i) Net Profit for 1991-92 as per original budget . . . Rs. 31 crores.

(ii) Net Profit for 1991-92 as per revised budget . . . Rs. 101.84 crores.

(iii) Actual Net Profit for the year 1991-92 . . . . Rs. 145.89 crores.

(b) The debt servicing requirement of Air India on the loans raised by it for prchase of aircraft is as follows :

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Loan Balance	Repayment of principal	Interest on loans	Interest Capitalised
1991-92 . . .	1804.81	171.85	117.53	7.52
1992-93 . . .	2062.13	500.99	98.00	30.50

(c) The estimated net profit for the financial year 1992-93 is expected to be Rs. 225.00 crores approximately.

Non Co-operative attitude of staff of IGI Airport

4168. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study of the various problems being faced by the non-VIP passengers at the IGI Airport besides the hostile and non-co-operative attitude of the staff of various Departments posted at the airport; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to improve the situation at the IGI Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Besides getting regular feedback from passengers, a study team had been appointed from Defence Institute of Work Study as an independent group to study the various problems of passenger facilitation at Indira Gandhi International Airport.

(b) The following measures have been taken to improve the conditions at Indira Gandhi International Airport:—

(a) Introduction of Prepaid Taxi Service, Paid Luxury Service & State Transport Service between Terminal and the city.

(b) Free inter-terminal shuttle coach service.

(c) Display of flight Information System

(d) Improvement in baggage trolleys.

(e) Improved catering facilities.

(f) Ensured availability of critical facilities like water supply, electricity supply, conveyor belts, escalators and lifts.

(g) Free porterage for handicapped.

(h) Free medical aid.

(i) Additional STD/ISD telephone facilities.

(j) Provision of child care rooms.

(k) Provision of basic facilities outside terminal building.

To ensure consistent and smooth operation, Airport Coordination Committee representing various agencies at the airport meets every month under the Chairmanship of Airport Director.

Guidelines for purchase of aircraft by Air Taxi Operators

4169. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to liberalise the guidelines for purchase of aircraft by air taxi operators in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The existing guidelines in this connection have been revised. The eligible applicants can now import aircraft for air taxi operations from their own foreign exchange resources or through arranging/buying foreign exchange from the open market as per the current rules and regulations relating to foreign exchange transactions ssued from time to time by the Ministry of Finance or the Reserve Bank of India.

Air India Planes used by VVIP

4170. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state the number of days for which Air India planes were requisitioned for VVIP travel from 1st August, 1992 to 30th November, 1992?